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TAGS: PDEV, PINT, RH MINISTERIAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MINISTERIAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS

1. THE RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTED MORNING OF APRIL 12 ON THE NAMING OF BLACK MINISTERS TO SERVE IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

2. THE MINISTERS ARE:

JOHN KADZVITI DEFENSE AND COMBINED OPERATIONS;

BYRON HOVEX JUSTICE, LAW AND ORDER;

ERNEST BULLE- FINANCE, COMMERCE AND IDUSTRY;

JAMES CHIKEREMA- TRANSPORT AND POWER, MINES,

ROADS AND ROAD TRAFFIC AND POSTS;

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ELLIOT GABELLAH-FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INFORMATION,
IMMIGRATION AND TOURISM;

GIBSON MAGARAMOMBE- EDUCATION, HEALTH, MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS;

JOEL MANDAZA-AGRICULTURE;

AARON MGUITSHINI- WATER DEVELOPMENT, LANDS,

NATURAL RESOURCES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT;

CHIEF KAYISA NDIWENI- INTERNAL AFFAIRS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT,

HOUSING AND WORKS.

3. THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO ELABORATE ON THE APPOINTMENTS OF KADZUITI AND OF HOVE. KADZVITI 48, IS THE SECRETARY FOR YOUTH IN THE ANC (SITHOLE) AND A MEMBER OF ZANU SINCE 1963. HE REPORTEDLY LEFT RHODESIA IN 1957 AND WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL SITHOLE'S RETURN IN JULY 1977. DURING HISABSENCE HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE UNDERGONE GUERRILLA TRAINING IN ZAMBIA AND WAS ACTIVE IN GUERRILLA RECRUITMENT WHILE OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY. THE PAPER WENT ON TO SPECULATE THAT KADZVITI WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH A CALL TO BE MADE SOON TO INSURGENTS TO REPATRIATE THEMSELVES.

4. HOVE , 37, IS A LONDON BARRISTER WHO WAS A POLITICAL PRISONER AND DETAINEE AT THE GONAKUDZINGWA CAMP IN 1966. ARTICLE SAYS HE IS THE PERSON SLATED AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO SIGN RELEASE ORDERS FOR THE HUNDREDS OF DETAINEES THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALLEGED IT WILL RELEASE. BOWDLER

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